

REMARKS

The Applicant received the Office Action of February 3, 2006. Briefly, the Office objected to the specification and rejected claims 11 and 25-27 under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), the Office rejected claims 6, 10-14 and 20 as being anticipated by Hammonds (6,337,024) and claims 6-8, 10-13 and 20-22 as being anticipated by Brandreth, III (6,267,886).

Additionally, under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), the Office rejected claims 6-8 and 10-4 as being anticipated by Maglio et al (4,908,190); claims 6-8 and 10-13 as being anticipated by Johnson et al (4,691,732); claims 6-8, 10-13 and 20-22 as being anticipated by Watson (4,181,702); claims 6-8, 10-14 and 20-22 as being anticipated by Mackey (3,867,290); claims 6-8 and 10-13 as being anticipated by Richards (3,864,090); claim 20 as being anticipated by Lewis (3,899,425) and claim 24 as being anticipated by Graves (5,409,604).

Finally, claims 9, 23 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over any one Hammonds, Brandreth, III, Watson, Mackey and Lewis.

It is also noted that the Office allowed claims 1-5 and 15-19.

Objection

The Office objected to the specification and more specifically noted that on page 2, line 8 of the specification, the question marks should be replaced by the serial number of the application. In addition, the status of each application must be provided immediately after the filing date.

The Applicant added the aforementioned information and these changes are reflected in the attached version of amendment. The Application also corrected a typographical error on page 2, line 10. Specifically, serial number 10/632,682 was corrected to 10/623,682. It is submitted that the objections have been overcome by the amendments.

The Office allowed claims 1-5 and 15-19 and the Applicant canceled rejected claims 6-14 and 20-27 as reflected in the marked up version of the amendment accompanying this response. A notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

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